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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, October 7, 2015                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 352 State Capitol Building

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Pscholka, Bumstead, Jenkins, Poleski, Potvin, Kelly, McCready, Pagel, VerHeulen, Victory, Afendoulis, Bizon, Canfield, Cox, Garcia, Inman, Miller, Santana, Irwin, Roberts, Banks, Faris, Singh, Yanez, Zemke, Durhal, Hoadley, Pagan.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Muxlow.

Representative Potvin moved to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2015 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 22 before the committee:

SB 22        (Casperperson)        Retirement; state police; monthly retirement allowance; provide 1-time increase for certain retirants to provide cost-of-living adjustment.

Substitute (H-2) was previously adopted on 09/30/2015.

Representative McCready moved to report SB 22 with recommendation, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 24-1-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Reps. Pscholka, Bumstead, Jenkins, Poleski, Potvin, McCready, Pagel, VerHeulen, Victory, Afendoulis, Bizon, Canfield, Cox, Garcia, Inman, Miller, Santana, Irwin, Faris, Singh, Yanez, Durhal, Hoadley, Pagan.

Nays: Rep. Kelly.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4898 before the committee:

HB 4898    (McCready)            Animals; animal shelters; pet shop, dog pound, and animal shelters act; modify to include large-scale commercial dog breeders and to make other general revisions.

Bob Darden, representing the Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs, submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Andy Seltz, representing the Michigan Association of Animal Control Officers.  
Ann M. Griffin, representing the Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.  
Elaine Green, representing the Friends for The Dearborn Animal Shelter.  
Amber Sitko, representing All About the Animal Rescue.  
Tim Patino, representing the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.  
Michigan Friends of Companion Animals.  
Michigan's Political Action Committee for Animals.  
Diane Hansell, representing Stop Online Puppy Mills.  
Amy Johnson, representing Teacher's Pet: Dogs and Kids Learning Together.  
Linda Oleszko, representing the Tiny Paws Rescue and Sanctuary.  
Alicia Prygoski, representing the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Western Michigan University and Cooley Law School  
Bea Friedlander, representing the Attorneys for Animals, Inc.  
Jodi Von Wihl, representing the Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue.

Vicki Deisner, representing American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, testified in support of the bill.

Terrence MacKillop, representing the Michigan Association of Animal Control Officers, testified in support of the bill.

Dr. Robert Fisher and Ann Griffin, representing the Michigan Humane Society, testified in support of the bill.

Matt Blakely and Dr. James Averill, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified with a neutral position on the bill.

Representative McCready testified in support of his bill.

Ms. Deisner, Mr. MacKillop, Dr. Fisher, Ms. Griffin, and Dr. Averill joined Representative McCready to answer questions from the committee.

Representative Santana moved to excuse Representative Muxlow. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

**Representative Al, Pscholka, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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